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C H I C K A D E E

1. The Presidium of the Central Committee of the Communist Party (CPSU) decided some time ago (date unspecified) that the Peoples' Democracies should be supplied with free rockets and guided missiles, equipped with conventional warheads only, by the end of 1961. This decision was taken in consultation with political leaders of the Warsaw Pact countries, who frequently made unpublicized visits to Moscow, and applied to all the Peoples' Democracies including Communist China and North Korea but excluding Albania.

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2. Preparations began in 1960, but not for all countries; East Germany (DDR) was the first country to be supplied and was the first to receive the V-75 surface-to-air missile. With regard to surface-to-surface weapons, free rockets are supplied first, and then guided missiles. Of the latter, a start is made with the R-11 missile, because it has been produced in large quantities and is a proven weapon and because once troops are familiar with it they can easily learn to use the other weapons, both larger and smaller. Training of East German artillery and engineering cadres has been in progress for some time and they will run their own tactical units. The East Germans have received all types of free rockets, e.g., "Luna", 3R1, 3R2, 3R3, 3R7, etc., and the R-11 and are now being supplied with the SP-5 cruise-type missile. Tactical launching sites are being prepared and live rockets are being given to trained cadres, although they are not yet ready to use them.

3. Communist China is receiving the R-11 and all the types that are in production, as a result of very outspoken talks with MAO Tse-Tung in Peking.

4. Supervision of the arrangements for rocket bases, storage areas, launching sites, and the training of cadres is the responsibility of Chief Marshal of Artillery S. S. Varentsov, and he or members of his staff have visited all or nearly all countries of the Bloc including Communist China and North Korea, but not Albania. One such visit was at the end of May-early June 1961 when Varentsov visited East Germany to discuss the equipping of East German forces with missiles, and to inspect Soviet missile units in the GSFG.

5. The 10th Directorate of the General Staff, which handles all military matters with the Peoples' Democracies through the military attaches, controls the delivery of all rocket weapons and arranges training courses.

6. Officers from the Peoples' Democracies are trained in the USSR and, on return to their own countries, train cadres with the assistance of Soviet instructors who are assigned as consultants for a two to three-year period. Previously training of foreign officers had taken place at the Dzerzhinskiy Artillery Engineering Academy, but this faculty has been removed to another establishment for

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security reasons; a number of arrests had in fact been made among foreign officer students.

7. Nuclear warheads are not being supplied to members of the Bloc.

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